

From St. Bernard to Iberia Parish and all the way south to Port Fourchon, projects important to the people of the Third Congressional District get well-deserved federal support through the annual federal appropriations bills. Member appropriations -- sometimes referred to as "earmarks" -- allow Louisianans to bypass agency bureaucrats in Washington and go directly to their elected representatives to secure federal funding for important projects in their communities.

The [member appropriations](#) I have worked to secure for Louisiana support a wide range of important priorities in our state. This funding will help build and upgrade levee systems, maintain and improve waterways and roads, fight serious diseases like cancer, and bolster south Louisiana industries like shrimping, sugarcane production, and alligator farming -- all unique and vital parts of our economy. The Louisiana delegation has worked together to fund these important needs, and we will continue to team up to support our state and protect its future.

For your information, below is a list of the earmarks I requested from the House Appropriations Committee for Fiscal Year 2010, categorized by applicable Appropriations Bill.

-Agriculture-

ARS Sugarcane Research Laboratory USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Research Unit, Houma

5883 USDA Rd., Houma, LA 70360

\$2,000,000

Funding will be used to co-locate the ARS Sugarcane Research Laboratory and ARS office in Houma, LA with their existing research farm.

ARS Green Energy Sugarcane Research USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Research Unit, Houma

5883 USDA Rd., Houma, LA 70360

\$2,000,000

Funding will be used to expand the ARS research of high fiber sugarcane varieties to increase sugarcane biomass yields.

ISSC Vibrio vulnificus education Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference

209-2 Dawson Rd., Columbia, SC

\$250,000

Funding will be used for programs focused on the reduction of illnesses and deaths associated with Vibrio vulnificus in shellfish.

West Nile Virus Disease Prevention

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

2415 Darnall Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70560

\$250,736

Funding will be used to continue the study of several infectious diseases and parasites harmful to and transmitted by alligators and alligator habitats.

Louisiana Food Banks, Vaccine, Biologics Distribution and Disaster Preparedness Projects

Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana

1000 Howard Ave. New Orleans, LA 70113

\$9,000,000

Funding will be used to enlarge warehouse facilities in Jefferson Parish, Alexandria, and Monroe, LA for greater and more effective distribution of food, vaccines, and biologics during disaster response efforts.

ARS Sugarcane Research

USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Field Station, Canal Point

US Hwy 441 N, Canal Point, FL 33438

\$3,000,000

Funds will be used for construction and expansion of the USDA Agricultural Research Service Sugarcane Field Station at Canal Point, FL, which coordinates research with the ARS Sugarcane Research Lab in Houma, LA

Sugarcane for Energy Research

USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Field Station, Canal Point

US Hwy 441 N, Canal Point, FL 33438

\$3,425,000

Funding will be used to expand research at the Agricultural Research Laboratory in Canal Point, FL of high-stress, low-input sugarcane production systems.

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-Commerce, Justice, Science-

Law Enforcement Technology Procurement

Lafourche Parish Sheriff

Box 5608, Thibodaux, LA 70302

\$350,000

Funding will procure new technology and equipment for Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office to improve accountability and enhance deputies' ability to file accurate and complete reports with exact statements for evidence.

Unmanned Aerial System Infrastructure Program

Nicholls State University

322 Gouaux Hall, Thibodaux, LA 70310

\$950,000

Funding will be used to develop a program to monitor coastal erosion, levees, wetlands, and emergency disaster response at the Geospatial Technology Center at Nicholls State University.

Institute for Seafood Studies

Nicholls State University, Department of Biological Sciences

167 Elkins Hall, Thibodaux, LA 70310

\$1,200,000

Nicholls State University will utilize this funding to create an Institute for Seafood Studies to increase and coordinate research related to the sustainable fisheries and seafood industries.

Expansion of Boys Town Louisiana Projects

Boys Town, Louisiana

700 Frenchmen St., New Orleans, LA 70116

\$147,000

Funding will allow Boys Town, LA to combine and expand their Boys Town Treatment Family Services Program and their In-Home Family Service Program to serve more at-risk youth, who are in the juvenile justice system, and their families.

-Labor-HHS-Education-

Center for Wellness and Mental Health

St. Bernard Project

8324 Parc Pl., Chalmette, LA 70043

\$100,000

Funding will be used for the expansion of service at the Community Wellness and Mental Health Center in Chalmette, LA. The Center is a partnership between the St. Bernard Project and LSU Health Sciences Center Psychiatry Department.

Louisiana Rural Literacy Program

Save the Children

54 Wilton Rd., Westport, CT 06880

\$600,000

Funding will be used to continue Save the Children's in-school, summer, and afterschool literacy programs in Washington, St. Martin, and Tangipahoa parishes.

Community Preparedness Project

American Red Cross Southeast LA Chapter (SELA Chapter)

2640 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

\$333,894

Funds will be used to develop a safe neighborhoods program and expand the SELA Chapter's volunteer training program.

Community Health Worker Training Institute

Tulane University

6823 St Charles, New Orleans, LA 70118

\$530,000

Funds will be used to train 100 community health professionals.

Ochsner Health System Reconstitution of Bone Marrow Transplant Program

Ochsner Health System

1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans, LA 70121

\$530,000

Funding will be used to restore Ochsner Hospital's inpatient bone marrow transplant unit impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Disaster Preparedness Center

Tulane University

6823 St Charles, New Orleans, LA 70118

\$1,000,000

Funding will be used to build a Regional Disaster Preparedness Corps to boost the ability of vulnerable populations in Louisiana to more effectively respond to disasters.

21st Century Community Learning Center

River Region Multicultural Chamber Of Commerce

140 Belle Terre Blvd. D180, LaPlace, LA 70068

\$300,000

Funding will be used to develop an afterschool academy for at-risk children in the River Parishes.

-Defense--

Biomass-Derived Alternative Fuels

Dynamic Fuels, LLC

36191 Hwy 30, Geismer LA, 70734

(Language Request)

This report language would commend the USAF biomass certification efforts, direct DOD to report on issues related to acquisition, blending, distribution and storage issues, in order to prepare the Department for alternative fuel acquisition.

Navy Force Protection Boats (Small)

Gravois Aluminum Boats

6816 East Admiral Doyle Dr. Jeanerette, LA 70544

\$4,000,000

Funding will allow the Navy to replace legacy craft with modern Force Protection Boats to assist in missions such as harbor defense, protection of Maritime Prepositioning Force ships, and coordination with Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Units for surveillance operations.

SHERPA Interoperable Deployable Communications System

Louisiana Army National Guard

304 F Street Camp Beauregard, Pineville LA, 71360

\$4,000,000

Funding will provide the Louisiana Army National Guard with equipment to meet their mobile

communications needs, allowing them to reach into Louisiana disaster areas that are otherwise difficult to approach or infiltrate.

Ox B Liquid Battlefield Sterilant and Disinfectant

Louisiana Emerging Technologies Center

Building 340, East Parker Blvd., Room 301, LSU Campus, Baton Rouge, LA 70803

\$4,000,000

This funding will help develop a new liquid sterilant for use by military surgical teams and combat support hospitals in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Integrated Manufacturing Systems 3D Simulation and Modeling Project

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic

2251 Lakeshore Dr, New Orleans, LA 70145

\$3,000,000

This technology will allow the NASA facility at Michoud, and others retool in a cost effective manner.

Biosensors for Defense Applications

Tulane University

6823 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans LA, 70118

\$2,500,000

Biosensors developed in this research provide real-time information about threats from bioterrorism and environmental polluters. This data helps DOD respond more effectively to these incidents at less expense than other analytical methods, meaning environmental clean-up and restoration efforts will be more cost-effective.

-Transportation-HUD-

LA 1 Golden Meadow to Port Fourchon

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA

\$5,000,000

Funding will be used to widen LA Hwy 1 between Leeville and Golden Meadow to connect with the four lane highway at Golden Meadow.

New Iberia Multi-Use Conference Center

City of New Iberia

457 E Main St, New Iberia, LA 70560

\$3,000,000

Funding will be used to construct a multi-use center in New Iberia, which will be used as an evacuation center and supply hub during emergencies.

Belle Chasse Bridge

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA

\$5,000,000

Funding will be used for the architecture and engineering phase of a new bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway, replacing the existing tunnel in Plaquemines Parish.

LA 23 Improvements, Plaquemines Parish

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA

\$5,000,000

Funds will be used for the widening of LA 23 to four lanes between Happy Jack and North Port Sulphur. This needed project will help reduce congestion and improve safety on this route.

LA-18 at LA-48 and I-310 Infrastructure Improvements, St. John Parish

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA

\$160,000

Funding will be used for intersection improvements on LA Hwy 18 at LA Hwy 48 and I-310.

I-49 South, Lafayette to New Orleans

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA

\$10,000,000

Funds will be used to upgrade US 90 to interstate standards. This will enable the route to be designated as I-49, reduce congestion and improve safety.

St. Martinville, LA Bypass

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA

\$2,080,000

Funding will be used for the preliminary design for the construction of a bypass from LA Hwy 31 north to connect with LA 96 near St. Martinville, LA.

LA-18 at LA-3060, LA-52, and I-310 Infrastructure Improvements, St. Charles Parish

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA

\$500,000

Funding will be used for intersection improvements on LA Hwy 18 at LA Hwy 3060, LA Hwy 52, and I-310.

LA 42 Improvements, Ascension Parish

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA

\$5,000,000

Funding will be used to widen LA 42 from LA 44 to Old Jefferson Hwy in Ascension Parish.

General Cargo Dock Installation, St. Charles Parish

Port of South Louisiana

171 Belle Terre Blvd., LaPlace, LA 70069

\$9,000,000

Funding will be used to construct a new cargo dock at the Port of South Louisiana.

LA-46 Overpass Improvements, St. Bernard Parish

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA

\$4,000,000

Funding will be used to improve the LA Hwy 46 overpass at the Norfolk-Southern Rail Line in St. Bernard Parish.

Dual Access Internal Rail Spur, St. Charles

Port of South Louisiana

171 Belle Terre Blvd, LaPlace, LA 70069

\$5,000,000

Funding will be used to construct a dual access spur at the Port of South Louisiana.

LA-39 Widening and Improvements in St. Bernard Parish

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA

\$3,800,000

Funding will be used to widen LA Hwy 39 from the St. Bernard-Orleans Parish line to Colonial Blvd.

Edenborne Street Improvement Project, Gonzales

City of Gonzales

120 S Irma Blvd, Gonzales, LA

\$1,200,000

Funding will be used to widen Edenborne St where it connects with LA Hwy 3038 and LA Hwy 429 in Gonzales, LA.

-Interior-

Sanitary Sewerage Rehabilitation

City of New Iberia

457 E Main St., New Iberia LA 70560

\$8,600,000

Funding will be used to improve the sections of New Iberia's gravity sanitary sewerage system that most contribute to the infiltration/inflow problem currently experienced by the system, and bring the city into compliance with EPA standards.

Sewer Lift Stations Improvements

Parish of St. Charles

15045 River Rd. Hahnville, LA 70057

\$417,920

Funding will be used to improve five sewer lift stations throughout St. Charles Parish to handle increased demand on commercial and residential wastewater systems.

State Actions Under the National Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan

Lower Mississippi River Sub-basin Committee on Hypoxia

Energy, Coast, and Environment Building, Louisiana State University Room 1143, Baton Rouge, LA 70803

\$3,000,000

Funding will be used to implement the National Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan.

-Energy and Water-

Morganza to the Gulf

US Army Corps of Engineers

7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118

\$5,000,000

Funding to construct a levee project to reduce hurricane and flood damages in an environmentally sustainable manner in the Houma area.

Larose to Golden Meadow, LA

US Army Corps of Engineers

7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118

\$5,800,000

To help provide a 100-year level of hurricane protection to the communities located along Bayou Lafourche between Larose and Golden Meadow.

Donaldsonville to the Gulf, LA

US Army Corps of Engineers

7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118

\$1,200,000

Funding will be directed toward a feasibility study for a project to reduce the risk of flooding from coastal storm surge and rainfall, and to prevent further economic losses and environmental damage in the Barataria Basin.

Port of Morgan City, LA

US Army Corps of Engineers

7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118

\$5,000,000

Funding for operations and maintenance of the only medium draft harbor between New Orleans and Houston on the Gulf. The US Army Corps of Engineers is required to maintain this 400-foot-wide channel to a depth of 20 feet.

Port of Iberia, LA

US Army Corps of Engineers

7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118

\$6,000,000

Funding toward the completion of a deeper and wider navigation channel to accommodate the transportation of the fabricated structures into the Gulf of Mexico.

Atchafalaya River and Bayous Chene, Boeuf & Black, LA

US Army Corps of Engineers

7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118

\$8,300,000

Funding for operations and maintenance of a 20- by 400-foot navigation channel between the Gulf of Mexico and rig fabrication and oil service facilities in the Amelia area, east of Morgan City.

West Shore - Lake Pontchartrain, LA

US Army Corps of Engineers

7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118

\$1,000,000

To determine the economic feasibility of providing increased levels of flood damage risk reduction to residents living west of the Bonnet Carre' Spillway and north of the Mississippi River.

Clean Power Energy Consortium

Nicholls University

906 E 1st St. Thibodaux, LA 70310

\$2,000,000

The Clean Power Energy Consortium (CPERC) is a joint venture between Louisiana State University, University of New Orleans, Tulane University, Southern University, Audubon Sugar Institute, University of Louisiana Lafayette and Nicholls State University with the express purpose of addressing critical scientific and engineering issues in power and energy generation.

21st Century Shoreline Protection from Coastal Erosion and Natural Disasters

US Army Corps of Engineers

477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

\$4,000,000

This project is to test an elastomer polyurethane system designed to armor levees with a material that would absorb the waves' force, thus allowing it to slow down the masses of water.

St. Charles Parish Urban Flood Control

US Army Corps of Engineers

7400 Leake Ave. New Orleans, LA 70118

\$500,000

The study will investigate methods to reduce flood damages caused by rainfall. Alternatives to be considered include pump stations incorporated into the existing hurricane protection system and interior drainage improvements.

Stormproofing St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes

US Army Corps of Engineers

7400 Leake Ave. New Orleans, LA 70118

\$16,000,000

Safe rooms are being strengthened to withstand hurricane force winds up to 250 MPH, wind driven water, and loss of power. Stormproofing pump stations will ensure that pumps remain operable and that station operators can safely stay on the job during a storm event.

Stormproofing Reimbursement for 5 Parishes, LA

US Army Corps of Engineers

7400 Leake Ave. New Orleans, LA 70118

\$41,000,000

Funding to reimburse some parishes that have already received authority and have constructed safe rooms to withstand hurricane force winds up to 250 MPH, wind driven water, and loss of power.

Houma Navigation Canal

US Army Corps of Engineers

7400 Leake Ave. New Orleans, LA 70118

\$3,600,000

Funding for operations and maintenance of the Houma Navigation Canal, extending a distance of 38 miles from the GIWW in Houma, to the Gulf of Mexico.

Atchafalaya Basin

US Army Corps of Engineers

7400 Leake Ave. New Orleans, LA 70118

\$14,800,000

Funding toward continued construction of a leveed floodway about 15 miles wide and 110 miles long that extends from the latitude of Old River to the Gulf of Mexico.